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## **Missouri Public Service Commission**

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### **PSC GRANTS SUSPENSION OF LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY IMPLEMENTATION FOR ROCK PORT TELEPHONE**

Jefferson City (August 26, 2004)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a request filed by Rock Port Telephone Company seeking a two-year suspension of requirements to implement local number portability (LNP) in its service area. The Commission's order also grants modifications regarding call rating and routing issues.

Rock Port Telephone Company sought the suspension because its facilities are not currently LNP-capable and its switches would need to be upgraded in order to become LNP-capable. Rock Port contended that the monthly costs impose a significant adverse impact on its subscribers and that few of its subscribers are expected to take advantage of the wireline/wireless porting ability.

The Commission stated in its order: "The Commission finds that the adverse economic impact on these rural customers outweighs any potential benefit that Petitioner's subscribers will receive from wireline-to-wireless LNP."

Under LNP, a customer would be able to take his/her land line telephone number to a wireless provider.

The Rock Port Telephone Company serves approximately 1,993 subscribers in three exchanges in northwest Missouri.

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